



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whittemore Park Middle  
Horry County Schools  
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 587  
Principal: Judy Beard  
Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry  
Board Chair: Will Garland

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	D	Focus
2011	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

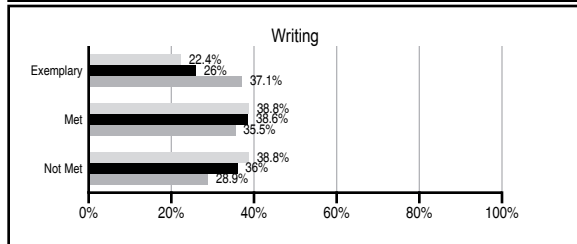
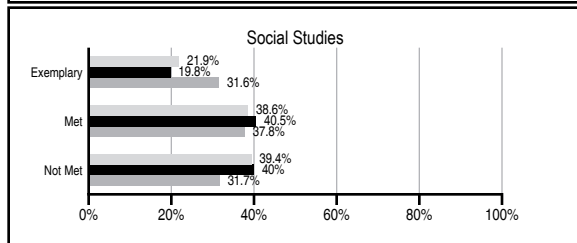
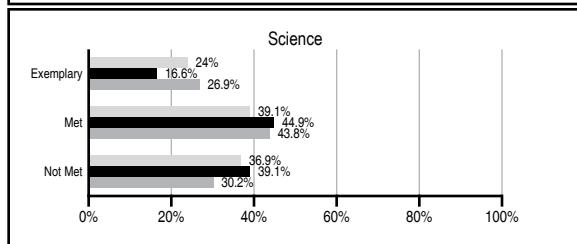
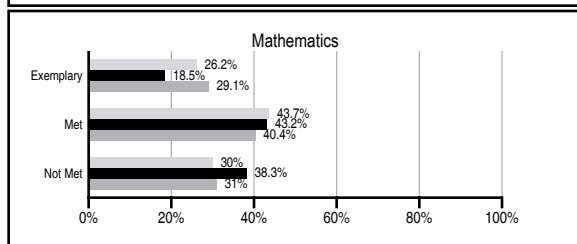
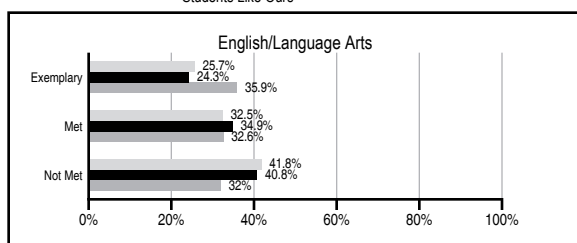
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	39	10	7

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



### MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)



### SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	98.3	94.2
English 1	95.5	83.3
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	97.5	92.3

## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n=587)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	19.6%	Up from 10.4%	16.8%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	1.1%	0.8%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.6%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	6.3%	Up from 1.1%	0.6%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=43)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.4%	No Change	60.2%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	87.0%	Up from 82.9%	81.8%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 94.5%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,288	Up 3.8%	\$45,097	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.5%	Up from 0.0%	2.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.6 days	Down from 13.0 days	10.3 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Down from 22.6 to 1	21.1 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.8%	Down from 88.4%	89.6%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.4%	Up from 97.0%	98.8%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,651	Down 10.0%	\$8,192	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.0%	Down from 64.8%	61.6%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.3%	Down from 59.6%	57.3%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	69.4	N/A	82.7	88.1

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	43	122	8
Percent satisfied with learning environment	53.5%	64.8%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	55.8%	68.0%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	37.2%	80.2%	I/S

\*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The faculty and staff of Whittemore Park have had a successful and productive 2011-2012 school year. The mission of Whittemore Park Middle School, a culturally diverse community committed to educational excellence, is to ensure that every student is prepared to be a productive member of society and to achieve personal success through innovative, student-centered curricula delivered in a safe and positive learning environment. Our students have performed not only in the classroom but also in the community and in their extracurricular activities. WPM students have shown overwhelming growth on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Students in our strategic and intensive classes have made tremendous progress over the school year on benchmark tasks. This year, four students were identified as Junior Scholars and four students were Explore Scholar. We also had 2- 8th graders students selected to attend The Scholars Academy for 2012-2013 school year and 10-8th graders selected to attend Early College High School for the 2012-2013 school year. 12 of our 8th grader presented at the National History Day Regional Competition in Lake City and 2 were selected to attend the NHD State Competition. Our students are afforded many opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities. Six students were selected for All-County Band and two were selected for Region Band. WPMS also had 6 All County Chorus students this year and several chorus student have participated in a 2 day workshop/clinic followed by a concert. 70 of our students participate in athletics with Conway High School. Our students have participated in many community service projects. Our teachers have continued with their Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and have focused on writing common assessments. We were also fortunate to partner with John Antonetti and Jim Garver, national consultant with Colleagues on Call, in order to work on the eight engagement qualities. Teachers have participated in learning walks and have worked on designing lessons to incorporate the engagement qualities into their lesson plans. We are very fortunate to have the support of a strong PTO and countless volunteers who have supported and assisted in helping our teachers, staff, and students with many different projects and tasks. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our school family. WPMS received the Palmetto Silver Award for attaining growth and substantial progress in closing the achievement gaps between groups of students.

Robbie Watkins, 2011-12 Principal  
Billie Johnson, SIC Chair

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